

The North Carolina Division of Child Development & Early Education (DCDEE)
Preschool Development Grant B-5 (PDG B-5)
Infant-Toddler Feasibility and Cost Study RFA 005-PDG-2021
QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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Q1. Once awarded the contract, will the literature review be the first step in the study?	A1. The first step is to establish the Infant-Toddler Advisory Council (by February 2022). The Program/Policy Study which includes the literature review is due by September 2022.
Q2. Regarding review of the literature review, what will be the “standards” (e.g., rubric) for moving forward once the literature review has been submitted for review? What is that process? Timeline?	<p>A2. The successful applicant will develop a plan to conduct a study of current literature on best practices for infant/toddler care, to connect and analyze data on the infant/toddler care being provided in North Carolina, and to gain an understanding of the need for infant/toddler care or lack thereof in North Carolina. Data gathered during the study period must be synthesized and presented to the Division prior to moving forward to designing the program.</p> <p>The contractor will meet at least monthly with the PDG B-5 team to provide feedback that will contribute to continuous quality improvement and monitor ongoing processes and the progress towards the goals and objectives of the project. Once the Program/Policy Study is completed and submitted to DCDEE, the contractor will begin working on the Program Design (Due May/June 2023)</p>
Q3. Please verify that public universities in NC will be allowed their negotiated rates, per their FNIR, and would not be required to follow the DHHS-UNC Master Agreement limit of 10% on contracts/task orders for this RFA.	<p>A3. Universities in the UNC Schools System will be required to adhere to the Master Agreement limit of 10% on contracts for this RFA.</p> <p>All other entities should follow the guidance provided in the RFA on page 4.</p>
Q4. The scope of work is significant for the period of performance. What is the likelihood that there would be a no-cost extension?	A4. Should a carry forward or no cost extension option be granted to DCDEE by the federal funder, the same option will be available to the contractor.
Q5. Is there a possibility that a contractor could bid on some of the work, but not all?	A5. DCDEE is looking for a contractor to complete all tasks outlined in the scope of services.
Q6. Can we request an extension to the deadline for submitting questions regarding the RFA and the application deadline?	A6. The application window is open until September 30, 2021 and is not expected to be extended.